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developments in the private sector did not harm the health service.

Her present powers to regulate the number of private nursing homes were limited, she added, and their adequacy would have to be reviewed, given the role the wholly private sector might play once the phasing out had been completed.

The government had decided to consider extending her powers of licensing to enable her and the secretaries of state in Scotland and Wales to regulate more closely the operation, extent and development of the private sector. They would have to guard against undesirable commercial or advertising practices.

She was prepared to consult with the private sector about the new licensing system; it was intended that it should cover all present nursing homes as well as any new ones or changes of use of old ones.

MPs were assured that the medical profession and health service staff would be consulted about the best way to carry out the programme. She would be having discussions with the profession to urge doctors to introduce common waiting lists for their paying and non-paying patients.

She hoped that state hospitals would continue to treat overseas patients, although there must be no "quota-jumping". Any fees would go to the hospital service, and not to the consultants; the level of charges would be reviewed. Realistic charges would be made for services provided to the private sector, although it was not proposed to charge for blood.

Meanwhile, she added, while the phasing out was continuing, she intended to reduce the number of private beds in areas where they were under-used. That would be started at once and she expected the result to be a reduction in hospital waiting times of about 500 authorised beds.

Mrs Castle emphasised that



The Queen pauses to look at a Hongkong vegetable stall during her visit yesterday. Report, page 16.

New rulers in Saigon order envoy changes

Singapore, May 5.—The new Government in South Vietnam today ordered the immediate closure of all overseas missions set up by the previous regime and indicated that new envoys would be sent out soon.

North Vietnam also ordered a campaign to increase production, urging workers to "double their efforts" to help South Vietnam. The move was seen as a sign of a new series of measures towards the eventual unification of the two Vietnams.

The directives from Saigon and Hanoi were reported by the Vietnamese Gial Phong radio, monitored here.

Meanwhile, the processing of the American evacuation flight continued today in widely scattered reception centres. Some 40,000 are in Guam and thousands more were flown there today from the Philip-

ippines where they were brought by the American evacuation flotilla.

Bruce Palling writes from Bangkok: Thailand today announced a reduction of United States servicemen from 27,000 to just under 20,000 by the end of June. American military sources say there are now only 25,000 here, so the actual number affected will be little more than 5,000. No mention was made of how many of the 350 American military aircraft would be withdrawn.

The civilian Government has pledged a total American military withdrawal by next March, but observers consider that the shaky coalition itself is not expected to survive for so long. The Thai armed forces are extremely reluctant to see the Americans withdraw totally.

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Bill to allow more releases on bail

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A Bill to give suitable people more chance of obtaining bail is to be introduced as soon as Parliament can find time for it, either this session or next. It is expected to embody a statutory presumption in favour of bail for an unconvicted person when he is remanded or committed for trial.

A new offence would be created of absconding while on bail, with the possibility of a prison sentence in serious cases. The change is intended to encourage courts to grant bail more often.

The present system, in which a person undertakes to enter into a recognisance, is regarded as ineffectual. The surety system would be retained, but sureties would not be required as a matter of course.

The Home Office working party on bail, whose report was published a year ago, gave two grounds to justify retention of the system for appropriate cases.

The first was that if a person of substance was prepared to stake his money on the likelihood of the defendant's appearance, it provided some corroboration of his reliability. The second was that the obligation a defendant felt towards the person standing surety and the knowledge that he would forfeit it was a deterrent against absconding.

Under the proposed changes, a magistrate's court would always have to give reasons for refusing bail. They would be passed on to the judge in chambers or crown court in case the person applied there for bail.

For courts to be able to grant bail, they must have sufficient information about the person before them. The Bill is expected to endorse the principle proposed by the working party that interviewing should be done by court staff.

Although the provision of bail is to be made available to house people without other accommodation and so increase their chances of obtaining bail, go off to a slow start, three are now open, as well as the original scheme run by the Salvation Army. Three more bail houses are expected to open this year.

The broad intention of the Bill, which is expected to follow closely the working party's recommendations, is that the number of persons remanded in custody should be kept to the minimum compatible with justice.

Minister wants big council rent rises

Substantial increases in council house rents are expected next year, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, told local authority associations yesterday. The Government expects the rises to do significantly more than merely keep pace with inflation. Although the new policy will be highly unpopular with many Labour-controlled councils and will bring accusations that the Conservative "fair rents" scheme is being introduced in another form, ministers feel that heavy pressure is needed to stem the drain on the Exchequer from rent subsidies. Pressure will be exerted by means of the rate support grant, which will depend on the extent to which each council complies with Government policy. Page 2

Christian Democrats real losers in W German elections

The Christian Democrats, who are in opposition in the West German Bundestag, emerge as the main losers in the Land parliamentary elections in North Rhine-Westphalia and Saarland, in spite of small gains across the board. Their platform of law-and-order and economic security seems to have attracted little support. The main beneficiaries of returning public confidence in the Christian Democrats were the Liberal Free Democrats. Page 5

New Stonehouse report to MPs

A second report on the parliamentary position of Mr John Stonehouse, the runaway MP, is to be published today by the all-party Commons select committee appointed to consider his case. This time it is expected to make a positive recommendation on what to do. Writ term up, page 6

Aerospace Bill under fire

Vickers and the General Electric Co, joint owners of the British Aircraft Corporation, came out strongly yesterday against the Government's plans for state control of the aerospace industry. In a joint statement Vickers, whose chairman is Lord Robens, and GEC, whose managing director is Sir Arnold Weinstock, said the Bill published last week as "discriminate and damaging". Page 17

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Blackout threat by power men to support wages claim

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

After conceding pay rises of up to 36 per cent to manual workers in the electricity supply industry, the Government is facing the prospect of a day strike by power station engineers angered because their differentials have been eroded.

The national executives of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association will be reconvened today by its negotiators to discuss the union's 28,000 members for authority to call strikes in the wake of the breakdown of negotiations with the Electricity Council on a claim for a rise of a third.

The recommendation is almost certain to be endorsed and in the ensuing ballot, to be conducted by the Electrical Reform Society, the engineers are likely to repeat the nine-point strike action of last year, a majority of these fit "a lot of things" is necessary for a strike to be in order.

Matters have come to a head because the engineers feel that

an agreement made six months ago to increase their pay by an average of a tenth to restore differentials eroded in the past five years has been breached by the Iron and Steel workers. They argue that the employers committed themselves to maintaining their differentials over the manual workers, who received 31 per cent on basic rates last month by threatening a strike of power station workers.

If they do strike, their action will cause immense disruption to electricity supplies, because the engineers run the power stations and are responsible for the nation's grid.

They are highly qualified men earning up to £8,000 a year whose work cannot be performed by manual workers or by the management.

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the association, said last night: "What we are concerned about is the integrity of an agreement made last year which established new pay relationships after a long period of steady decline and erosion. The Electricity Council's present offer amounts to a repudiation of that agreement to restore and maintain differentials."

NUR rejects railways 'inability to pay' as valid reason for refusing claim

By Raymond Porman
Labour Staff

Railwaymen yesterday demanded a generous interpretation of the social contract equal to that already given to miners, postmen, and civil power workers, electricity workers, and gave warning that there could be industrial action if they were refused.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "It needs to be stated unequivocally that my union does not accept that the British Railways Board's 'inability to pay' is a valid reason for denying railwaymen adequate basic rates of pay."

He was speaking to the Railway Staffs National Tribunal, which began its hearing yesterday into the claim for an increase of at least 30 per cent.

Mr Weighell said the social contract guidelines, in some cases accepted by ministers, permitted increases of that level.

He added that some settlements above the level of price rises had involved prominent members of the TUC General Council, the body responsible for agreeing the social contract. He named Mr Lawrence Daly and Mr Joseph Gormley, of

the miners, Mr Tom Jackson of the Post Office workers, Mr Frank Chapple of the electricity workers, Mr Hugh Scallan of the engineers and Mr Jack Jones of the transport workers. The unions are not bound to accept the findings of the tribunal, which is expected to conclude its hearings on Friday and reach a verdict quickly. British Rail, which argued that the social contract had not been repudiated by the Government or TUC and quoted the pay restraint guidelines in its evidence, has offered 21.2 per cent increases, in line with the cost of living rise since April, 1974.

Mr Weighell said that messages reaching his union headquarters from members made clear that acceptance of the offer would provoke grass roots revolt.

There is no way in which the union could sell a 21.2 per cent pay settlement, or any other settlement in that area, to railwaymen at the present time.

Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF), rejected the view that workers in the railway industry should

20,000 more jobs must go, steel chief says

The British Steel Corporation yesterday officially revealed that it is now losing £2.5m a week and wants to shed an additional 20,000 workers in an attempt to remain profitable.

The redundancies, first hinted in a controversial statement two weeks ago by Sir Monty Finniston, the chairman, and confirmed by him in a letter to Mr Woodrow Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday will be in addition to the 40,000 jobs to disappear under the BSC long-term strategy proposals currently suspended while being reviewed by the Government.

In the letter Sir Monty said that the precise extent of the reduced manning and the timing for it were uncertain because consultations with the unions were still under way. He said that this was a human and social problem involved, but the corporation looks to the Government of the day to support us constantly in the essential strategy of continuing the work of producing a modern steel industry for on this depends in the years to come the jobs and wealth of those in the industry and of the many more in the industries downstream of us.

BSC's plan is to increase output at its low-cost general steel plant at Scunthorpe and strip mill plants at Port Talbot and Llanwern, with the general steel plants in Scotland being supplied with their ingots from Ravenscroft. The effect of this will be to trim between 7,500 and 10,000 jobs in the general steels division and 9,000 to 10,000 jobs in the strip mill division.

In the general steel division the Clyde Iron Works, the Clydebridge and Lanarkshire open hearth plants and the Clydebridge slabbing mill would close. Iron and steel making at Shelton would stop and production would be reduced at East Moors, Teesside and Workington. In the strip mill division the iron and steel-making facilities at Ebbw Vale would close.

The proposal is that the redundancies should take place during the current BSC financial year. In addition other measures to save an estimated £20m a year are to be put into effect by the management.

Sir Monty and Mr Bob Scholey, the BSC chief executive, yesterday put the plans for the new redundancies before the TUC steel committee. The committee not unexpectedly rejected the proposals completely, but the fact that it took the trade union representatives more than six hours to

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Modifies sweep board in voting leadership of largest collar Civil Service union

The results of which will be declared today. At present they are unnumbered 16-10 by left-wing representatives on the executive committee.

Mrs. Losinska, aged 50, an executive officer in the office of Population Census and Surveys in London, who identified herself with the policies espoused by Mr. Pringle and Mr. Callaghan, said: "If we could recover four or five seats on the executive we could get back to where we were two years ago, with a healthy balance."

The struggle between left and right will also be reflected tomorrow, when the conference will debate the appointment of the executive's general secretary and the editor of the association's journal, *Red Tape*.

The conference yesterday approved overwhelmingly the Civil Service pay settlement achieved last month which provides for average rises of 3.2 per cent over a 12-month period. It endorsed the method of determining wages used by the Government's pay research unit, based on comparability with equivalent posts in the private sector, and the new system of annual pay increases.

Mr. William Kendall, the association's general secretary, acknowledged that the settlement, which represented an average increase of 2.6 per cent calculated on an annual basis, was outside the terms of the social contract and an acute embarrassment to the Government.

"If the interpretation of the contract means simply and crudely wage restraint for civil servants without reference to movements of pay elsewhere, then this settlement is not within spiriting distance of its terms, and I make no apology for that," he said.

Mr. Lever appealed to the association to end the bitterness and division which had scarred the past year. "We cannot afford much longer the fratricidal strife that menaces our ability to do our jobs. Nor for much longer can we afford quarrels arising from political doctrines, boring and meaningless to the overwhelming majority of the members."

Yesterday's election results were: president, Mrs. K. Losinska 93,543; Mr. Walter Adamson 82,500; Mr. Aylred O'Shegan 19,839; vice-presidents, (two posts), Mr. Len Lever 122,316; Mr. Charles Bullock 77,517; Mr. William Rashley 66,328; Mr. Walter Adamson 60,148.

£500,000 in grants for historic buildings

By Philip Howard

The Department of the Environment is making grants of more than £500,000 to repair and conserve 98 historic buildings and areas of Britain's architectural past.

It has granted £7,000 to repair the roof and walls of Britain's original co-operative shop at Todd Lane, Rochdale. The Rochdale Co-operative Pioneers Society opened their seasonal shop from which the whole co-operative movement grew, in 1833.

The National Trust has been offered £27,000 for another historic piece of the Industrial Revolution, Quarry Bank Mill, at Crayke, Cheshire, which is being converted into a museum of the cotton industry. The mill was erected in 1784 by the Unitarian Greg family, who built a model village for their workers. The mill, of red brick, is long and irregular, but sits neatly on the bank of the Bollin river, a memorial of the days when cotton was king of British industry.

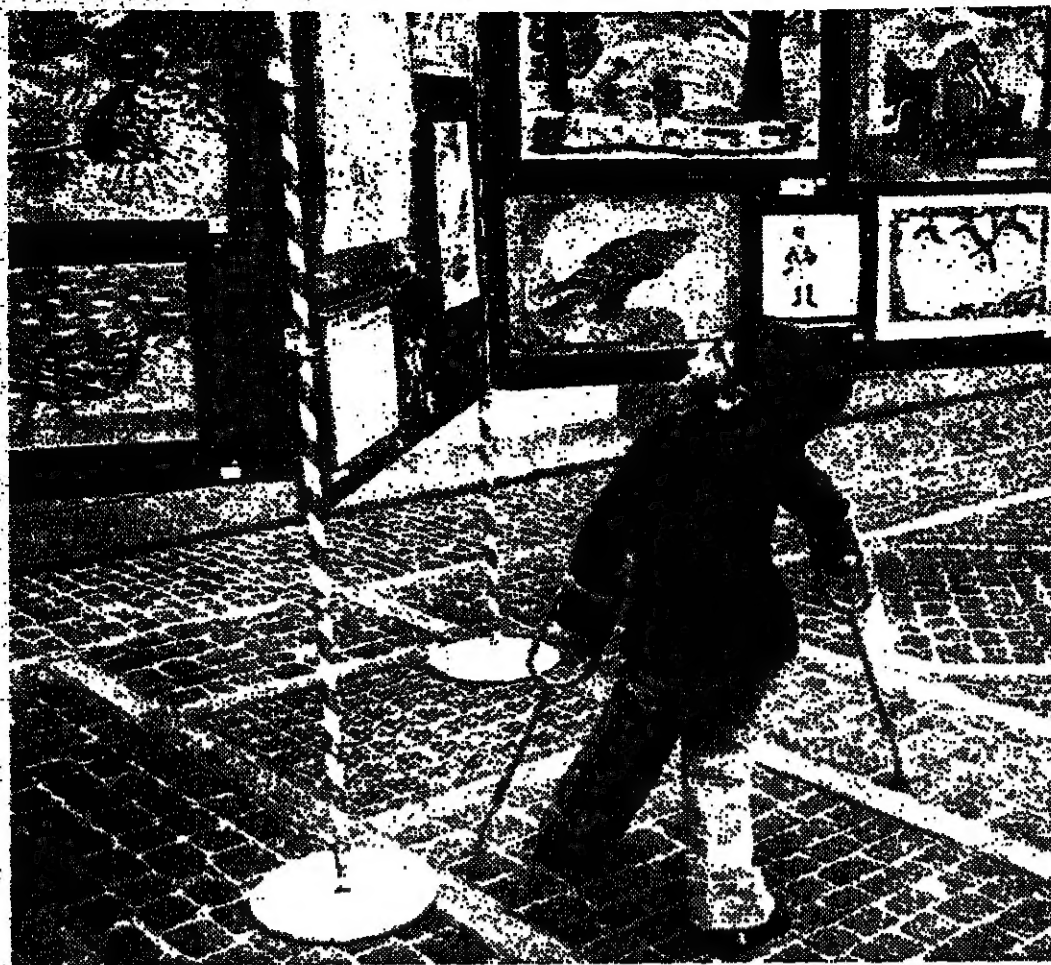
Other buildings recommended by the Historic Buildings Council for government aid with their repairs include: Warden Abbey, near Biggleswade in Bedfordshire, the impressive brick and stone fragment of a medieval Cistercian foundation; and Eagle House, Mitcham, Surrey, a rare and substantial house in the later seventeenth-century Anglo-Dutch style, favoured by a few rich City merchants.

Conservation grants have been awarded to 25 areas under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1972. They include: North Parade Buildings, Bath; St Mark's Church, Bath; the ancient monuments of the Quays at Berwick-upon-Tweed; St Michael's Church, Chester; the Wensum Project, Norwich; and Pesholme House, John Carr's splendid Georgian house in York.

Since 1953, when the Historic Buildings Council was established, 2,334 buildings have received more than £10.5m in grants. Since the provisions of section 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act, 1972 came into effect, 99 conservation grants have been made.

Policeman cleared

William Nixon, aged 41, a Cumbria policeman, of Harrison Street, Carlisle, was acquitted at Carlisle Crown Court yesterday of 12 charges of theft and false accounting. He denied stealing more than £114 in fines money and failing to record fines in his receipt book.



Children's art: A boy viewing paintings at the Invalid Children's Aid Association exhibition which opened yesterday at the Royal Exchange, London. More than 400 works are on

display and all are by sick or handicapped children, many of whom have used their feet, mouth or head to hold brushes and pencils. Lorraine Redfern, aged 14, of Meltham Manor

school, Hertfordshire, received a special prize from Mr Richard Baker, the newscaster, for her painting, "Jack in a Box". She has ataxoid cerebral palsy and paints with a brush strapped to her forehead.

Phasing-out delay by schools to be curbed

By Neville Hodgkinson

The Government intends to keep a close watch on direct grant schools to prevent them from prolonging unduly the phasing-out process before their abolition, which is to begin in September next year.

Some of the 174 schools affected might have hoped to retain their present status until the return of a Conservative government. The Tories are pledged to restore and extend the direct grant system in such a way that no future government could abolish it without legislation.

In letters to school governors setting out details of the abolition procedure, the Department of Education and Science says the position of schools that opt to join the maintained system will be reviewed on January 1 every year.

If the Secretary of State is not satisfied with their progress, their grants will begin to be phased out from the start of the next school year.

Grants will not be payable in respect of pupils admitted from August 1 next year unless the governors have satisfied the Secretary of State that they intend to become part of the maintained system. The deadline for the declaration of intent is the end of this year.

Schools that refuse to join the state system will have to become independent, and will lose government grants in respect of pupils starting from September, 1976. Grants will be paid for pupils at the school before that date, until they leave.

Local authorities will retain the power to pay for pupils to attend independent schools, but the fees will become progressively higher as government grants are ended.

Jail sentences cut by 5 years

Two London men who were jailed for killing Mr James Pope-Hennessy, the biographer, each won a five-year cut in his sentence in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

John James O'Brien, aged 25, a train guard, of Heathfield Park, Crickwood, jailed for 17 years at the Central Criminal Court on July 11 last, had his sentence reduced to 12 years. Terence Michael James Patrick Noonan, aged 27, unemployed, of Tisdall Place, Waltham, London, now has to serve 10 years instead of 15.

Help refused to man who later stabbed women

Ronald Andrew Cobbett, aged 38, who was said to have stabbed three women, killing one of them, had told a senior social worker at a clinic the day before the attack that he felt he was going to do something terrible and wanted to be kept in, it was stated at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday.

His request was refused. Mr Cobbett, of Raven Road, Sheffield, denied murdering Mrs Helen Grace Wright, aged 44, of Cemetery Road, Sheffield, and the prosecution accepted his plea of guilty to manslaughter because of diminished responsibility. He also pleaded guilty to attempting to murder Miss Sheila Potter, aged 18, of Ryle Road, and Miss Jacqueline Brook, aged 24, who was staying in Kenwood Park Road, both Sheffield. He was sent to Broadmoor.

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the Crown, said Miss Potter was stabbed in the right shoulder in the street. Then Mrs Wright was stabbed in the chest. Mr Cobbett walked on and stabbed Miss Brook in the arm.

Mr Justice Brabin said Mr Cobbett had gone to Wharfedale Wood Clinic, in Sheffield, the day before the attacks and said he was at the end of his tether and wanted to go back in. "He asked to be admitted to hospital. He knows himself he is suffering from this mental disability," he said.

"He is finding himself in a position which frightens him and he sees a social worker. What has he to do with a social worker whether he is admitted or not? I hope somebody will look into this matter," he said.

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for the defence, said: "The social worker has said she was bound by confidentiality. Bureaucracy seems to be closing its ranks in its protection."

Boy kept in adult jail may be moved to school

Officials of Suffolk social services department were making arrangements yesterday to transfer the boy detained in Norwich prison to a community school.

The boy, aged 15, appeared before magistrates in Ipswich on Saturday, charged with stealing a bicycle and obtaining £1 by deception. He was remanded to Norwich prison until tomorrow because the court was told there was no suitable local authority home for him.

After a meeting between social service officials in Ipswich yesterday, it was announced that arrangements were being made to accommodate him on a more permanent basis at Kerrison community school.

A spokesman for the department said the boy was being kept in a special juvenile wing at Norwich prison.

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Christian Democrats' security slogan to attract voters

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5 German voter estimates the Christian Democrats' security slogan to attract voters.

The provisional final official results of the two Land elections announced this morning are as follows (1970 results in brackets):

North Rhine-Westphalia: Christian Democrats, 47.1 per cent (46.3); Social Democrats, 45.1 per cent (46.1); Free Democrats, 6.7 per cent (5.5); Liberals, 1.1 per cent (2.1); others, 0.

Saarland: Christian Democrats, 49.1 per cent (47.8); Social Democrats, 41.6 per cent (40.8); Free Democrats, 7.4 per cent (4.4); others, 1.7 per cent (0).

These results are subject to confirmation later this month. One year almost to the day after Herr Willy Brandt resigned as Chancellor over the discovery of an East German spy in his office, the Bonn coalition Government of Social Democrats (SPD) and Free Democrats (FDP), led by Herr Schmidt, is firmly in the saddle, with an even chance of winning the general election in 18 months' time.

At present the main beneficiary of the public confidence in the coalition is the liberal FDP.

But when the present round of Land elections began in March last year (yesterday's were the seventh and eighth), the SPD lost 10.2 per cent of its support in Hamburg. Thus a gain of 1 per cent in Saarland means unalloyed pleasure for



The leadership of the West German Free Democratic Party at a meeting yesterday seems pleased with the election results in North Rhine-Westphalia and Saarland. From left are: Herr Viktor Hoffmann, party manager; Herr Günter Verheugen, a party aide; and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Foreign Minister.

Herr Schmidt and Herr Brandt. None the less it was bold of the SPD to fight its campaign on the perhaps still premature slogan, "Choose the upswing". This referred to the evidence, rather slim until yesterday, that the party had stopped the erosion of its support in earlier Land elections, and at the same time, to the economic improvement boldly promised for the summer by Herr Schmidt.

The voting patterns yesterday demonstrate once again the importance of the small FDP as the holder of the balance of power.

But the clearest message from

the 10 million people who cast their votes yesterday is that there is very little mileage to be gained electorally from prophesying imminent economic disaster or the destruction of the legal fabric of the state by terrorists. The CDU will have to absorb this lesson to wit in 1976.

The extraordinary situation caused in Saarland yesterday is beginning to unfold in all its complexity. The CDU, on the one hand, and the SPD-FDP coalition on the other, each hold 25 seats.

The Saarland SPD leader

today suggested an all-party coalition. Other possibilities include, theoretically, a CDU-FDP coalition (which would amount to breach of promise by the FDP), a CDU-SPD coalition (rejected by both already), and a new election, which all parties are reluctant to impose on the electorate.

What happens to Saarland's three seats in the Bonn Upper House (the Bundesrat), which represents the Länder, is equally unclear. Until yesterday, the CDU had a majority of one there. Now the Bundesrat could be deadlocked.

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The Burgomaster son of a German military hero brings an unspectacular strategy to local victories

Herr Rommel prefers relaxed politics

From Richard Davy
Stuttgart, May 5

Military metaphors come easily to Herr Manfred Rommel. Or perhaps one notices them only because his father was Field Marshal Rommel, German hero of the Desert War.

"We here in the trenches see things differently from the general staff in Bonn," he said, describing his work as newly elected Burgomaster of Stuttgart. Then he quoted Clausewitz on the need to relate plans to realities.

But if he had a different name, one would not even begin to associate him with a military background or military attitudes. He is a warm, relaxed, humorous Swabian. He is worried about his expanding waistline, limping painfully from an attack of arthritis, and pleasantly informal in his relations with people.

"I would be a catastrophe for the army," he told an interviewer recently. But he is far from being a catastrophe as Burgomaster of Stuttgart, a large and difficult city in which he is very much chief executive.

His election last year, with a majority of 58.9 per cent, was a considerable achievement. He ran as a Christian Democrat, although Stuttgart had been dominated by Social Democrats for 30 years.

People say that his name won for him. It certainly helped. His father was a multipurpose hero admired by different groups as a military technician, as a man who fought for Hitler, as one associated with the abortive assassination plot of 1944 who then took poison offered by Hitler in order to protect his name and family.

But Manfred Rommel would probably have won his election even under a different name. The Social Democrats were foolish enough to put up a

rather aggressive young architect who alienated older supporters of the party.

Moreover, the election coincided with a national swing in favour of the Christian Democrats; and Herr Rommel chose just the right moment to present himself as a practical, down-to-earth, budget-conscious realist with a sound knowledge of local problems gained as State Secretary in the Finance Ministry of the Baden-Württemberg Government.

"Everyone kept asking me about my plans," he told me, "but I said I had only one plan, and that was to get rid of all those plans. People understand if you tell them that everything has to be paid for." With this line, he won 52 out of 56 districts, including some traditional working class strongholds of the Social Democrats.

But he is not a primitive conservative. He reads modern left-wing authors, as well as Marx and Hegel, who was born in Stuttgart ("Without him, we would not have had Marx, Lenin, Stalin or Mao," he says, chuckling at Stuttgart's heavy responsibility in world history).

He thinks Christian Democrats ought to be willing to debate with socialists "because we have better arguments". He criticises the older generation for reacting so defensively and negatively when the young began questioning the materialist values of the federal republic in the 1960s.

I joined him for a trip to an outlying village in the commuter belt. A local official greeted him with a list of local problems. A woman came up to complain about a redevelopment plan. An elderly man said bitterly that his house was being compulsorily purchased for much too low a price.

A veteran campaigner waylaid him on the pavement to read a long handwritten statement about traffic problems, his

words almost drowned, but his point emphasized, by the transcontinental juggernauts jostling through the narrow streets in competition with local cars and trams.

Then there were talks about future public transport plans illustrating the complex interdependence of the city, the provincial and federal authorities and the federal railways.

To all this, the burgomaster responded calmly and patiently, asking, all the time: "But where is the money to come from?"

... is by nature a conciliator, not a fighter. He did not even announce his party affiliation on his election placards, only on his leaflets.

"I knew I would have to work with Social Democrats in office," he explains. Some of his party colleagues feel he should be more combative. The Bavarians across the border, accustomed to the verbal warfare of Herr Strauss, the Christian Social Union leader there, cannot understand him.

But his style seems to suit his place and time. The traditional aim of the Swabian is to own a small house, save money and, as a local saying goes, "sell the dog and bark yourself".

They do not want confrontations, grandiose reforms or rapid change. Nor does Herr Rommel, who reacts with every sign of genuine horror at suggestions that he might climb into federal politics one day and go to Bonn.

As we parted, I said I would try to return when his term was up in eight years and see how much he had managed to do. "Probably not much," he chuckled ruefully.

"You must understand," a local inhabitant told me later, "that such a line will probably get him reelected." That may not be great generalship, but it seems to work.

Commitment of French left proposed

By Hargrove

thaw has set in between the Socialist and Communist parties in the past few years to have been rough the recent cow of M. François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, in talks with Soviet

after more than a year of violent conflict, the French Communist Party has been accused of softness towards the Soviet Union. Giscard d'Estaing's lukewarmness towards the Left.

Party convention in May called for a "highest level" summit.

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nists and Socialists to seek the means of reinforcing their union and their common action."

It suggested as themes for discussion "the crisis of international capitalism, the co-existence of Europe, security, and the organisation of peace."

It added: "The Socialist Party wishes to develop common action, notably in firms, to give workers the means of defending their jobs and their purchasing power, and combating the effects of the crisis."

The decision was based on a report which said that while the Communists tried to project an image of themselves as the advance guard of the working class, and sole revolutionary party, they regarded the Socialists as "unchanged, reformist and social-democrats."

This was wrong, the report went on, the Socialist Party was of a new type. The Communists had not yet become used to the idea. The Socialists did not believe there was only one work-

ing class party; there were two, and neither should try to play a leading role.

The Communist Party was also undergoing change. It was faced with the hiatus between power practices and set theories. The Socialists must try to help them with this change by engaging in debates on theory, and especially on the accession of the left to power.

M. Mitterrand, in a much applauded speech, said that the alliance between the Socialists and Communists was a "highly exceptional and novel development. This novelty explained the crisis between them which could be described as the birth pangs of the Union of the Left."

M. Roland Leroy, the secretary of the Politburo of the Communist Party, told reporters today that he was not hostile to a "summit" meeting with the Socialists. He added: "If such meetings have not taken place so far, the fault is not with the Communist Party."

Nine seek closer link with Lisbon by increasing aid

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, May 5

Foreign Ministers of the European Community agreed here today to seek closer ties with Portugal through increased industrial and financial aid in the hope of consolidating the development of Portuguese democracy after the recent elections.

According to Danish sources, the ministers decided at a restricted session to ask the European Commission to speed up work on proposals already in train for improving relations with Portugal in time for submission to the ministers before the end of July.

These sources said that the ministers agreed in principle to finance the establishment of new industries in Portugal, to provide technical assistance to small and medium size enterprises, to improve the treatment of Portuguese workers in EEC

countries, and to let Portuguese goods move freely into the Community.

Improvement of the free trade agreement which Portugal already enjoys with the EEC could in practice run into the same kind of obstacles raised by the Italians in the negotiation of preferential trade agreements with Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria.

The ministers decided today to sign the agreement with Israel on May 14, and it will come into force on July 1. But the EEC will make a declaration at the same time deferring the implementation of trade concessions for Israel fruit juice exports until Italy has received assurances of adequate protection for its own producers.

The foreign ministers today also discussed the themes for the next summit of European heads of government which is planned to take place in Brussels on July 16 and 17.

Tourists in search of lunch in Portugal

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, May 5

Tourists on Portugal's sun-drenched beaches today were wondering where they could get something to eat. They were the victims of a strike of hotel and restaurant workers, who walked out for the lunch hours. Dinner will be served tonight, however.

If the workers' wage and benefit claims are not met, the strike will continue tomorrow in reverse order. Lunch will be served in hotels and restaurants, but dinner will not.

M Mitterrand calls off visit after Madrid arrests

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, May 5

Police today arrested 68 persons in connexion with a leftist demonstration in Madrid. The demonstration, involving about 400 people, took place last night.

Police claimed that some of the demonstrators were armed with petrol bombs, iron bars and bicycle chains.

It was learnt here today that M. Mitterrand, the first secretary of the French Socialist Party, has called off a proposed visit to Spain "in

view of the present circumstances."

M. Mitterrand had originally intended to confer with leaders of the illegal Spanish Socialist Workers' Party at the invitation of Spanish Socialists. Such a meeting, if it had taken place without police interference, would have implied tolerance of the party by the Franco regime.

It is believed that the May Day arrest of leading Spanish Socialists, as well as objections from some members of the party to the proposed visit, led M. Mitterrand to change his mind.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYERS LEGISLATION'S BIAS AGAINST PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Extracts from the NFBTE's annual report to be presented at the annual meeting in London today.

During the past year the amount and complexity of legislation affecting the operation of businesses has intensified. Your council regrets to have to reveal that this legislation, both actual and proposed, has a marked bias against employers and indeed against private enterprise itself. As the prosperity of the country—indeed its very survival—depends on private enterprise, the long-term prospects for the economy can be viewed only with alarm.

As members of an organisation of employers, NFBTE firms are accustomed to base their relationships with their employees on an organised industrial framework. Now the state is interfering excessively with overriding legislation which cannot be appropriate to the special conditions of every industry. At the same time much of this legislation appears to be aimed at weakening the authority of employers while giving the trade unions greater power without regard to their sense of responsibility.

This legislation includes the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, the Employment Protection Bill, the Industry Bill, the Community Land Bill, the Capital Transfer Tax and the proposed Wealth Tax.

This catalogue of legislation, damaging to the survival of private enterprise in British industry and in the

building industry in particular, shows that the NFBTE has a serious situation to face.

Some concessions will no doubt be obtained on matters of detail, but it is the duty of all industrial organisations, associations and firms alike, to show the electorate generally what effect the continued acceptance of the principles underlying this legislation will have upon their prospects of obtaining and keeping employment.

This is a difficult task, which cannot be achieved by trade associations alone, but which needs to be shared by every defender of private enterprise.

Economic Position: The Future:-

Looking ahead it is apparent that, unless and until the Government takes action to restore the confidence of private industrialists and businessmen, of which there is little sign at the moment, any revival in construction demand must depend upon an increase of public sector schemes.

This government, like the last, claims fully to understand the evils of "stop-go" as it affects construction. In the words of the Minister for Housing and Construction: "It is totally unrealistic to expect the industry to meet such changes without great strain."

These words, however, need to be translated into actions to bring any relief to the industry, and it must always be recognised that the government is rightly under great pressure to reduce, rather than to increase, total public expenditure in order to counter inflation.

The mounting expenditure of local

authorities, as shown by the increased rates now being levied, is also under attack. Too often, unfortunately, authorities find it easier to abandon their building schemes than to reduce their inflated staffs or to eliminate the losses frequently incurred in building up their direct labour departments.

Mr. Roger Foster, OBE, FIOB (of Hitchin), NFBTE President, says, in a foreword to the annual report for 1974/75.

"For almost every reason, it has been the most depressing year that builders have had for a very long time.

We have had to fight on almost every front at the same time—and all the time.

There has been one bright spot, and that is on the industrial relations front where, with one or two isolated exceptions, there has been a continuing growth of goodwill between the two sides.

In consequence we were able to achieve a major wages settlement which should surely have been an example to others of commonsense, restraint and recognition of the parlous economic state of our country, and, incidentally, of the so-called 'social contract'.

Unfortunately, our example seems to have been disregarded by many others who, selfishly, do not seem to have their country, or their families and future, much at heart."



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OVERSEAS

Commonwealth premiers will hear how Washington proposes to restore trust in its commitments

From Fred Emery
Washington, May 5

There is a concerted look this week to the post-Vietnam effort at bolstering Western foreign policy. Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, has taken seriously to giving long dissertations in breakfast television shows and President Ford is to hold a televised news conference tomorrow.

This much is by design. Somewhat by accident in Vietnam terms several Commonwealth Prime Ministers—Mr Wilson, Mr Rowling, Mr Whitlam and Mr Lee Kuan Yew—are also being received in mid-week succession by Mr Ford.

Ford has made known repeatedly his view that America remains strong and stands by its commitments. In the new circumstances this is wisely taken to mean treaty commitments rather than informal assurances.

Is there going to be much change in policy? Kissinger's immediate answer is "no"—apart from the review of Middle East policy now nearing completion. But he made a cutting remark this morning to his critics.

He noted in a television appearance that they were all clamouring for wholesale worldwide reassessments of policies; yet their general cry was that the domino theory of the successive collapse of South-east Asian nations was invalid. If so, he wondered why there was need for reassessment.

In superpower terms détente is to be pursued. There are problems with the strategic arms limitation negotiations, but the estimation of either Russian or Chinese willingness to test the United States in other areas has cooled from the feverish anxieties of only three weeks ago.

This morning Dr Kissinger was again slightly complimentary towards the Soviet efforts at moderating the worst consequences of the final American evacuation from Saigon. And there are repeated expressions of muffled gratitude towards Peking for not

seeking to profit from the debacle in other places. What worries the Administration far more is what is called the "perception" of the United States by other countries. This is, oddly, Dr James Schlesinger's term, not Dr Kissinger's. The Secretary of Defence, although highly credited as a "technical" theorist in defence terms, is much aroused by the political and popular assumptions of what things are, and is often different from the facts.

Thus in spite of the vast United States nuclear strength and its express commitments in defence treaties, with its word now being measured against what happened to Saigon? A lot of hard thinking is being done to ensure that great weight continues to be given to America's word, particularly concerning Europe, Japan and Korea.

There is sharp awareness that simple rallying cries at NATO summits, and the like, hardly do the job. Some officials believe confidence cannot be restored without overcoming some new crisis.

With the arrival of Mr Whitlam and Mr Rowling (Prime Ministers respectively of Australia and New Zealand), and Mr Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, there will be an occasion for the reassertion of trans-Pacific ties. The first two countries, of course, have treaty commitments with the United States in Anzus. Singapore does not, but Mr Lee can be counted upon to emphasize the need for significant economic aid to the region.

What, in private, he would doubtless like to ask is where America is going to draw the new line. He used to say the United States should have stood on the firmer ground of Thailand rather than in the morass of South Vietnam. But today's joint United States-Thailand announcement in Bangkok, he has presumably shifted stance.

It is noted here that in announcing that more than a quarter of the 27,000 Americans stationed in Thailand will be withdrawn by the end of June, there was no mention of a complete pull-out. The Thai

Government has requested this by the end of the year, but officials here expect some flexibility over the final details. The intent here is to draw the line at what used to be called "blue water" diplomacy in the West Pacific—with commitments up to the coast from Australia (although softly) and Japan.

Korea, while continental, is included, although is the source of most concern at the moment. Marshal Kim Il Sung is seen as fully capable of trying to go it alone and casting off the presumed restraints of China and the Soviet Union. In the event of hostilities President Ford would have full authority to act under the Far Powers Act and it would be up to Congress to stop him if it wished. It would be quite different from the Vietnam situation, at least on paper.

But American concerns do not rest only with treaties. Indonesia is obviously a huge eastern interest. Sizeable American support will be forthcoming, at least in Administration requests.

Contrary to much that has been said, particularly by Administration leaders, most members of Congress are not out to wreck foreign policy, but, under the Constitution, are seeking to restore proper control of it. They are seeking a constructive role for the United States, and if it is still somewhat inchoate, their outsiders will have to be patient.

The presidential record in foreign policy is not all bad, when seen over the past 30 years, but it is the past ten years which went wrong and which count most in the minds of the new generation of Congressmen. The lesson which Dr Kissinger as well as Congress must take to heart has in fact been well stated by the Secretary of State: "Foreign policy must be sustained over decades if it is to be effective, and, if it cannot be, then it has no right to be sustained."

The cut is certainly going to be austere but it need not produce a bad garment.

Marshal Ky bitter over Thieu 'sell-out'

Agana, Guam, May 5.—Air Vice-Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, the former Vice-President of South Vietnam, flew as a refugee to the United States today, blaming ex-President Thieu for the loss of Saigon.

He passed swiftly through this key Pacific staging point for the Vietnam evacuation before flying on to meet his wife in California, saying, "I am very poor." He thought he might work in America as a private pilot or taxi driver.

Marshal Ky met reporters at a construction camp where some leading Vietnamese officials have been housed. He had been carried from Vietnam aboard the United States aircraft carrier Midway, and hurried on through the American naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. The Filipino Government had threatened to arrest him.

On the future of South Vietnam he said: "I do not know what will happen. There will be a lot of massacres and people will go to concentration camps and be brutalised. They will not have an easy life."

Dressed in a neat beige shirt and slacks and smoking a cigarette, Marshal Ky said he cried as a little boy when he realised the aircraft carrier, that he was an exile.

Referring to ex-President Thieu, Marshal Ky said he would take "physical action" if he ever met him in the street.

Asked who was to blame for the collapse of the South Vietnamese Government, he said: "Only Mr Thieu is to blame. Only Mr Thieu is at fault. He sold out Vietnam, and he sold out the people."

Our Singapore Correspondent writes: Ten ships crowded with Vietnamese refugees reached Singapore today, bringing the total anchored offshore to 35.

They have about 6,500 people on board, and reports from Malaysia indicate that more ships are on the way. The Singapore Government has the ships in a kind of quarantine, but has sent provisions and medical teams aboard.

The Singapore Council of Social Services has voted \$6,000 to help the refugees, and an appeal for contributions has been launched. Government spokesman said that the question of Singapore admitting refugees had not arisen. If it did, the deciding factors would be its



In spite of a mouthful of biscuit meant to make her smile, this little Vietnamese refugee howls as she is vaccinated by an American medical orderly in Tent City, Guam.

limited capacity to absorb more people and the continuing individual refugees could make.

Peter Stafford writes from New York: A number of Americans in Saigon were able to make money from Vietnamese who wanted desperately to get out of the country. It has been reported here. They agreed to sign the papers that were needed for evacuation in exchange for sums up to \$3,000 (£1,270).

One American bragged he had signed for some 46 Vietnamese at \$3,000 each and then turned a tremendous profit. "I made a fortune," said Mr Ronald Olson, a retired Air Force colonel who had tried unsuccessfully to evacuate some of his own Vietnamese wife's relatives.

Reports of this sort have been fuelling the continuing controversy over the Vietnamese refugees now pouring into the United States. Many Americans are arguing that it was only the rich and well-placed who managed to get

away, including many who played unenviable roles in the political system in South Vietnam before the takeover. There is therefore no particular reason to help them, the argument goes.

Certainly many of the refugees appear to be solidly middle-class. The planeload which arrived yesterday at Eglin Air Force base in Florida included a neurosurgeon, several university professors, a lawyer, a chemist, a few civil engineers, and some secretaries. The teenagers among them were fashionably dressed in thick-soled shoes and wide-bottomed trousers.

On the other hand, many of them do seem to be destitute, and will have to start a new life in a strange country. There are plenty of Americans who feel that they should be helped, and the first of them have already started to leave the centres in California, Arkansas and Florida where they are being processed.

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'Big Minh' a happy citizen under new rulers

Bangkok, May 5.—Former President Duong Van Minh ("Big Minh") has said in a broadcast that he is "happy" to become a citizen of an independent Vietnam "after being freed from custody in South Vietnam, now under revolutionary government rule."

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Israel Prime Minister to meet Mr Ford

From Eric Maredau
Jerusalem, May 5

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has been invited to visit Washington for talks with President Ford on June 11 and 12.

A communiqué, issued simultaneously in Jerusalem and Washington today, said the talks would seek to strengthen further the friendly ties between the two countries, but gave no hint whether the visit would be an attempt to resume the American initiative for an interim agreement.

The Rabin visit is welcomed in Jerusalem as a sign that the period of estrangement between America and Israel since the failure of Dr Henry Kissinger's peace mission is drawing to a close. For several weeks there have been rumours that Israel would make additional concessions to Egypt in Sinai.

President Ford will be seeing President Sadat of Egypt in Salzburg, Austria, 10 days before he receives Mr Rabin in Washington, but officials here reject suggestions that Egypt is being given favoured treatment. They point out that America's reassessment of its Middle East policy is still going on and are confident that its result will not be made public until after President Ford has talked with Mr Rabin.

Less optimistic assessments of American intentions, however, fill Israeli newspapers. There are fears that if President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem is to blame for the breakdown of the Kissinger peace mission,

Mr Rabin may find it more difficult to resist the President's urgings for more flexibility than he did the pleas of the American Secretary of State.

There has been no change of mood in Israel. If anything positions have hardened since March, and doubts about Egypt's striving for peace have increased. American leaders nevertheless continue to urge the Israeli Government to accept that President Sadat is pursuing a moderate line.

The gap between American and Israeli thinking was illustrated by the bleak answers given by the Knesset (Parliament) today by Mr Shimon Peres, the Defence Minister, to questions on Egyptian military activities in the Suez Canal area. He said that groundworks had been prepared on the eastern bank of the canal for fortifications in which Egypt could deploy "all their forces that cross the canal into Sinai".

Mr Peres also asserted that there had been not just a resumption but a considerable increase in recent months in military supplies from the Soviet Union to Egypt. These included Mig-23 fighters, ground-to-air missiles and anti-tank missiles.

Our Tel Aviv Correspondent writes: Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Defence Minister, who returned from the United States yesterday said Israel should accept new Middle East peace proposals. The Americans before President Ford meets President Sadat in Salzburg. Otherwise, he said, Israelis may find the United States and the Soviet Union, and possibly the United States and Egypt, will have reached conclusions before President Ford's meeting with Mr Rabin.

Mr Stonehouse tears up High Court writ

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, May 5

A High Court of England writ for \$470,000 (about £41,000) served on Mr John Stonehouse, the runaway Labour MP for Walsall North, was torn up by him outside the Melbourne city court today. Mr John Stonehouse, a private investigator of Export Investigation Services, handed the writ to Mr Stonehouse as he stepped from his car outside the court building.

Mr Stonehouse tore it into three pieces and tried to push them into Mr Leonard Becker, a solicitor on the ground, and Mr Martin left. Mr Stonehouse picked up the pieces of paper and put them in his own pocket.

The writ was issued out of the High Court on April 17 by Hanover County Securities Limited of Gilbert Street, London, and it named John Thompson Stonehouse, otherwise known as Joseph Arthur Markham and otherwise known as Donald Clive Muldoon.

Later in the city court, extradition proceedings against Mr Stonehouse, his former secretary, were adjourned for three weeks. The court was told that solicitors representing the pair needed time to study the mass of documents which accompanied the two warrants.

Mr C. J. Thompson, the chief solicitor, said he had adjourned the case until May 26.

and remanded Mr Stonehouse and Mrs Buckley on bail to the same date, on condition that they continued to report daily to the Australian police.

Mr Stonehouse told reporters outside the court: "I want to make it clear I am not trying to fight going back to England. I am trying to fight the writ for \$470,000. That pile of documentary evidence presented to the court today indicates that Scotland Yard must be trying its damndest to stack the cards against me."

"It was no surprise to see such a collection. I have been expecting some of the material for some time. I have been advised that this extradition case could drag on for six months."

"It is very exhausting and frustrating for me and it is having a terrible effect upon me, but I have just got to see it through."

Before the press interview began, Mr Stonehouse objected to representatives of the Daily Mail being present.

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Move at UN for nuclear free zone in Pacific

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, May 5

New Zealand is to press its case for a nuclear free zone in the South Pacific despite opposition from Washington and Canberra.

Mr Robert Tizard, the acting Prime Minister, said he did not expect to please our friends all the time. They do not seem to hesitate about not pleasing us from time to time.

This is one of those occasions when friends are not to agree to differ and talk about their differences. We are not going to make a major international incident out of this issue; but we reserve the right to state our case and seek support.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr Tizard confirmed that New Zealand would take an initiative on the subject at the United Nations and seek support from smaller nations and the Pacific powers.

His statement follows indications that New Zealand has been under diplomatic pressure from the United States and Australia to change its stance particularly in the light of the current power swing in South-East Asia.

Ceylon court challenge in gems case

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, May 5

Counsel for Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, who was the first Governor of Ceylon, challenged the jurisdiction of the Criminal Justice Commission (foreign exchange offences) to try his case when the Commission met today.

Sir Oliver, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs C. Sathyanathan, and Mr A. R. M. Muttiah, and his two sons, are accused of being involved in gem smuggling and foreign exchange offences involving 40 rupees (about £250,000).

When Mr K. N. Choksy, counsel for Sir Oliver, who was not present, challenged the jurisdiction of the court, the chairman, Mr Justice G. T. Samarawickreme, said the first question he had to decide was whether Sir Oliver could be represented.

Justice G. T. Samarawickreme said he was not sure before the Commission or the court.

Mr Choksy said: "It is fundamental to our judicial system that every person who is accused is entitled to be represented by counsel. The Commission reserved its ruling for May 20."

\$215m sought to settle 150,000 refugees in US

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, May 5

President Ford asked Congress today for \$207m (about £215m) to bring some 150,000 Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees and United States citizens and resettles them here. Mr Dean Brown, the former diplomat who is director of the programme, said that at least 125,000 people had escaped from South Vietnam and that there might be another 10,000 still at sea.

He said the Government hoped that 10 per cent of the refugees would be accepted by other countries, and the President has asked Congress for \$20m (about £8.5m) to provide for them.

Mr Brown told the House Judiciary committee today that the Attorney General, Mr Edward Levi, would be asked to liberalize the administrative procedures for refugee immigrants and increase the number of entry permits from 132,000 to 150,000. He did not think all 150,000 would be needed.

Repatriation of French from Cambodia begins

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, May 5

The first group of 412 French refugees from Cambodia is due at Roissy airport tomorrow on board an Air France Boeing 747 specially chartered by the French Government. A reception centre is being set up in the Paris region for those who have no relatives or means.

About 250 foreigners, including some 100 French nationals, remain in the French Embassy compound in Phnom Penh. They are to be taken to the Thai frontier sometime this week.

M. Marc Bonnefous, a senior official of the Foreign Ministry, who was sent to Thailand especially to negotiate the repatriation of French nationals, said on the radio yesterday it was possible that some French residents in Cambodia had been unable to get to Phnom Penh; but there was no cause for alarm about their fate for the time being.

In a tribute to the refugees,

Australia rape case delayed by Lords judgment

Melbourne, May 5.—The controversial judgment on rape given in the House of Lords last night was held up after a trial in the London county court.

The Crown sent a cable to London for a transcript of the ruling, which said a man could not be convicted of rape if he honestly believed the woman had consented to sexual intercourse, no matter how unreasonable his belief.

Judge Shilton adjourned proceedings until tomorrow, in a case in which four men face trial. He commented that once the transcript was examined it would, he believed, confirm the law as it had been in Victoria for some time.

Decisions by the House of Lords are not binding in Australia, but they influence judgments.—Reuter.

Britain unlikely to admit many refugees

By A. M. Rendel

The Government's decision to allow a number of South Vietnamese refugees to enter Britain was still under consideration yesterday. Meanwhile, Foreign Office representatives were emphatically playing down early reports that some 1,000 would be admitted.

The figure is much more likely to be a few hundreds. Of the 4,500 refugees picked up by a South Vietnamese vessel and taken to Hongkong by the Danish freighter Clara Maersk, only a small proportion are likely to come to Britain. It is hoped that countries with more space for settlement, such as Australia and Canada, will be able to take larger numbers.

Laos King and Queen visit 'liberated zone'

Vientiane, May 5.—King Savang Vatthana and Queen Mother Khammouang, returned to Luang Prabang yesterday after a six-day visit to Sam Neua, capital of the "liberated zone".

It was the first time in many years that the king had gone outside Vientiane or Luang Prabang and his wish to preserve the unity of Laos, observers said.

They noted that the trip occurred at the same time that military incidents took place in the north of Laos and that the king visited a zone which borders on North Vietnam.—Agence France-Press.

Disappointing start for South African TV

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, May 5

Television transmissions began in South Africa today when the state-controlled South African Broadcasting Corporation began its first programme designed to entice people to buy sets costing about £630 each.

The daily tests will continue until January when the full service of colour television will start. Viewers have been promised 35 hours a week of television from then.

South Africa has come reluctantly into the television age after years of Government hostility towards the medium. Manufacture of receivers is being confined to a half dozen concerns and this, coupled with the relatively small production runs and the high initial price of the sets, has pushed the price of sets into the world record class.

There is considerable concern that manufacturers and agents will be left with thousands of sets on their shelves, causing something of a financial crisis for them, unless the corporation produces high quality programmes.

Millions of pounds have been spent on establishing the service which, technically, should be one of the world's best, but from the start there is a feeling that much to learn on the production side. Most of the first programme was confined to news-reel-type footage of arena events at the Rand Show in Johannesburg.

Viewers saw half an hour of show jumping with an Afrikaans language commentary that was much too full. Commentators, brought up on radio, have still to learn the television technique of complementing the picture with an occasional word rather than trying to keep up with it. There was little use of cameras to achieve different viewing effects.

The test programmes are being shown only in the Johannesburg-Pretoria area for the present but Durban and Cape Town will see television from July.

Mr Clerides spurns sharing of management in Cyprus

Vienna, May 5.—Mr Glafkos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, today rejected Turkish demands for joint management of public services in Cyprus, and said the Turkish state could delay reopening of the island's main airport.

The Turkish community must be represented in the running of island-wide services, but "I am not willing to consider 50-50 participation on public utility boards", he said.

Speaking to reporters before flying to Athens, he was answering a demand yesterday by Mr Rauf Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot leader, for a 50-50 sharing system between Greeks and Turks in management posts in federal establishments.

Mr Clerides said implement-

Zambia finds dead nationalists

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, May 5

Fourteen more bodies of Rhodesian African Nationalists have been discovered in Zambia, a government statement said today.

Reliable sources say that many more nationalists may have been murdered during the past few months because of feuding among the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) faction of the African National Council, Mr Aaron Milner, the Zambian Minister of Home Affairs, said in a statement that 14 bodies had been exhumed and brought to Lusaka. "Some suspects in all these murders are being held by the police."

He gave no more details but recently more than 50 Zanu followers were detained by the Zambian Government after Mr Herbert Chitepo, the Zanu chairman had been killed by a bomb at his Lusaka home.

Some of them have since been released but most are still being held.

A week ago the body of another Zanu supporter, Mr Edgar Makedurwa, was discovered in a shallow grave on the outskirts of Lusaka. He had been missing since early in February.

It is thought that the latest 14 victims were murdered several weeks ago. "But this may be only the tip of the iceberg as far as the total number of deaths goes", a reliable source said today.

The trouble appears to centre among Zanu supporters many of whom have objected to their movement being merged, together with others into the ANC.

For several years Zanu has been the most militant fighting force within Rhodesia and many members are still opposed to attempts to find a peaceful solution to the Rhodesian problem.

A former leader of Zanu and

390 die in Burma heatwave

Rangoon, May 5.—About 390 people have died in a heatwave in Mandalay, 300 miles north of here, it was reported today.—Reuter.

Sir Robert Helpmann has rings stolen

Sydney, May 5.—Sir Robert Helpmann, director of the Australian Ballet, was robbed of two rings valued at \$45,000 (£2,200), taken from his Sydney hotel suite.—Reuter.

New Zealand troop pull-out from Singapore

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, May 5

A start is to be made soon on plans for the withdrawal of most of New Zealand forces still in Singapore, Mr Tizard, the acting Prime Minister, said today.

New Zealand has more than 1,000 troops stationed there under the five-power defence arrangement with Singapore and Malaysia. Both Britain and Australia have decided to withdraw their troops.

Mr Tizard said that no date had been set for the beginning of the move. During his recent visit Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, had explained that his country's position had changed.

Warning to tankers of hijack plan

By a Special Correspondent

An Arab terrorist group is planning to hijack a tanker in the Persian Gulf. Government security agencies in Britain, West Germany and the United States have all issued warnings to oil and shipping companies to be on the alert.

A worldwide cable issued by the German shipowners' association said: "Arab terrorists intend to attack tankers which lie in parts of the Persian Gulf. Members of the terrorist group are said to have practical knowledge in diving."

It is recommended immediately to advise all masters of tankers which are in the Persian Gulf, or are heading for this area, of these plans to enable the introduction of precautionary measures.

The Germans added: "GCBS

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(General Council of British Shipping) has received similar information... and it is understood the information comes from an authentic source."

A spokesman for the GCBS confirmed that such warnings had been received, although the Department of Trade, the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence (Navy) later all denied responsibility.

Now the less shipowners were said to be taking the threat seriously but admitted that few practical precautions could be effected.

There is almost nothing even a prepared tanker crew could do to prevent a determined attack, it was said in London. However, a hijack in the Persian Gulf would pose little threat to West Europe as it would take a month for a vessel to reach a potentially dangerous position. Moreover, the control of a tanker would be more difficult than, say, an aircraft carrier, and it is unlikely to capture passing to use as a bargaining count.

Also, the terrorists who have few chances of attack a laden tanker, and therefore seizing an environment weapon. For when loaded kers clear harbour, they may travel 600 feet far from diving team to board. How a fake SOS, or some such ruse, to stop one, or a potentially more dangerous liquid gas carrier, cannot ruled out, which is why has been placed on the alert.

Tankers have long thought a potential target terrorist actions but largely propaganda reasons, rather any direct threat to life.

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THE ARTS

Mantegna's peopled world

Mantegna was obsessed by Roman history. He grew up in Padua at the height of the humanist revival and gained an enormous knowledge of classical archaeology and ancient history. His obsession found further encouragement at Mantua, where he was appointed court painter to the Gonzagas, the ideal milieu for a painter of his inclinations with its cultivation of everything classical.



The Corselet Bearers, engraving after Mantegna

Another of Mantegna's obsessions was with linear perspective. This found its most expressive and ambitious expression in the magnificent (and deeply moving) *Dead Christ in the Arms of the Mother*, where the cold, corporeal body of the dead Christ is shown in extreme distortion and foreshortened perspective from a viewpoint just above the soles of the feet. Mantegna's masterpiece, the series of nine paintings known as the *Triumph of Caesar*, have been skillfully restored and put on show again, after more than 10 years' absence, at the Orangerie, at Hampton Court. Here the subject exactly matched his obsessions. Perspective is one of the main formal elements in these paintings. But the exact work is difficult to follow because we cannot be sure how the nine canvases were designed to be hung. It seems likely that they were originally arranged round the sides of a courtyard, which would account for certain sudden shifts of viewpoint. The paintings would have been separated by pillars or pilasters. But although the canvases are discontinuous, at least two pairs read straight across the frame or gap between them.

Upon first entering the Orangerie the paintings appear to be a single continuous scene. Because of the way the entrance and exit are placed you are forced to view them from left to right, walking against the "movement" of the procession itself, which is from right to left. The initial vision is of visual assault and confusion—the very sensation one would feel on suddenly coming out of a side street and finding oneself a spectator at such a triumphal procession. Moving against the tide of the figures, you view the paintings, heights the illusion. Mantegna no doubt saw Benozzo Gozzoli's *Journey of the Magi* in the Medici-Riccardi Palace on his visits to Florence. There are certain similarities, but Mantegna's work is much more immediately engaging. Although he does not spurn the depiction of pretty young men or the characteristic faces of old soldiers, it is the movement of the procession and its symbolic embodiment of political power and physical force which is his main concern. His taste is for the full for all the props of ancient Rome, piling them up in the shallow niche of space which seems to be contained between the foreground figures and the background landscape and buildings. The space in the pictures consists of three layers—men, horses and the figures of the soldiers and bearers who carry the booty and triumphal objects, then the great dense mass of objects themselves, and finally the last layer, that of the landscape. Three layers—men, horses and the figures of the soldiers and bearers who carry the booty and triumphal objects, then the great dense mass of objects themselves, and finally the last layer, that of the landscape. Three layers—men, horses and the figures of the soldiers and bearers who carry the booty and triumphal objects, then the great dense mass of objects themselves, and finally the last layer, that of the landscape.

Ballet under canvas

The Royal Ballet is to dance for four weeks from June 2 in a specially erected Big Top adjoining the Thames in Battersea Park. This season replaces the one at the London Coliseum which had to be cancelled because of the inability to agree terms for the "get-out" at the end of the season. The tent is the one successfully used by the company in Plymouth last summer.

Both companies of the Royal Ballet will take part, making a total of 134 dancers with an orchestra of 45. Although the dancers will have to be simplified, they will dance the full-length *Swan Lake*, *Coppelia*, *La Fille mal gardée* and *Giselle* as well as a selection of shorter ballets. Natalia Makarova will be appearing as guest in several works, partnered by Anthony Dowell in *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, *Les Sylphides* and *Pavane*, and by Desmond Kelly in *Elite Synchronisations*.

Matching up to Beethoven

So many performances of the *Missa Solemnis* fail to match either Beethoven's vision or his technically awkward means of achieving it, that one which comes somewhere near achieving it, as did that under Giulini on Sunday night, demands to be cheered. The occasion was significant in other, more mundane ways. This was Giulini's first Festival Hall concert with the London Philharmonia, in a splendidly joyous choir was the New Philharmonia; and these forces, together with the four distinguished soloists, are in the middle of recording the work. That last fact is a clue to why the interpretation was, for the most part, so confident. These days, only the longer rehearsal time allowed for getting near perfection in the studio can give time for a conductor to communicate in detail his view of such a difficult score.

Flood of warm feeling

Shura Cherkassky Queen Elizabeth Hall Stephen Walsh Not even Cherkassky's most devoted admirer would call him a great classical pianist, and after paying his respects on Sunday afternoon in Schubert's little major Sonata he moved shrewdly away into those more exotic regions where his lean technique and idiosyncratic style could pay better dividends. The journey was entirely without mishap, but it showed that those audience qualities on which Liszt built his early career are still with us. Holman's "Kaleidoscope", a piece of sheer empty virtuosity, and Liszt's "Réminiscences de Don Juan", which would today be forgotten if anyone but Liszt had written it, were both cheered to the rafters, though Cherkassky can play this kind of stuff on his head (and might consider doing so). On the other hand a fine performance of Chopin's "Preludes" was allowed to pass comparatively unremarked.

St John Passion

Sheldonian, Oxford William Mann The English Bach Festival has finished in London for this year, but continues in its original home at Oxford, where the concerts appear to include more of Bach, though other music too. The weekend just past was devoted to St John, with an organ recital by Peter Hurford and a harpsichord recital by Gustav Leonhardt whose Consort, in its enlarged form as Musica Antiqua of Amsterdam, joined forces for two programmes with the Collegium Vocale from Ghent.

Icelandic Music

Purcell Room Paul Griffiths We know the Icelanders as the most literate of peoples, but their music is pretty much a closed book. All the more interesting, then, was the prospect of a concert by a musician, all by composers born just before or during the Second World War; and in the event it proved a highly promising introduction. In part, the praise must go to the outstanding performers, who included two of the composers represented and also the invaluable flautist Robert Atken. Mr Atken's exquisite modelling line, his breath control and his ability to execute new techniques (simultaneous vocalizing or shrieks of harmonics, for example) to subtle, ringing effect, all distinguished the occasion.

Summer Exhibition

Royal Academy William Gaunt There are no perceptible restrictions in style or theme in this year's Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy (the 207th) but a continuance of the wide variety that has been a feature of the exhibitions of recent years. The show may once again be considered as a supermarket in which the shopper has a liberal margin of choice from the representation of the abstract. The success of this open-mindedness

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Exorcism: hope that church and medical profession will help

House of Lords

LADY SUMMERSKILL (Lab) asked if the Government proposed to control the activities of individuals and organisations who professed to practise exorcism on patients suffering from mental disorders.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL (Lab) said: "The Government are not waiting for evidence that exorcism is a danger to any extent or on an increasing scale on patients suffering from mental disorders. If such evidence were forthcoming, we would consider what action needed to be taken."

LADY SUMMERSKILL: How many cases must there be before a patient is given the necessary protection?

LORD WELLS-PESTELL: The Government are concerned that what has happened in the press about a particular case. This matter is causing grave concern both in the medical profession and the Church of all denominations.

We hope they will be able to take some initiative in getting together on this matter.

LADY BACON (Lab): In my part of Yorkshire there is a great deal of concern, and a feeling that foolish people are dabbling in things they are not qualified to do. Even a "one-off" case is too many.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL: This is causing some concern in the various religious bodies, and judging from statements made recently from the Archbishop of Canterbury, it seems as if the Church will be doing something.

LORD HAILSHAM OF ST MARKYBONE: I suppose everybody would agree with the under-estimation of unqualified persons meddling with the minds of mentally disordered people.

Government resist calls to extend franchise for EEC referendum

The Referendum Bill was considered in Committee.

LORD REAY (C) moved an amendment to extend the right to vote to British subjects resident in other member states of the EEC.

He said voting provisions could, and should, have been made for British subjects, suitably qualified, wherever they were resident overseas.

This was no longer practicable, but people living in the EEC could still be given a vote without prejudicing the date of the Referendum.

People affected included businessmen, investors, and journalists responsible for providing the public with an account of what went on in the EEC. The speaker of the House of Commons had described these people as lotus eaters. This was most unfair and most resented characterisation of a group of people who deserved better references from the Government.

EARL FERRERS (C) said many people had gone abroad because of the EEC membership of the United Kingdom. They had as much right to have their opinion considered as anyone in the country.

Mr Short had made an unfortunate remark about lotus eaters. We are coming (he said) to a poor state of affairs if we are going to disconcert people according to our moral judgments of the way they live their lives.

He would not vote for the amendment because it was not right to include for voting purposes those who happened to be abroad, but happened to be in the Community. It was wrong to include those who were abroad outside the Community. To give the vote to an EEC representative in Milan and to deny it to one in Madrid seemed absurd.

LORD HARRIS OF GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, said it was important that the Bill should be amended. If there were a series of serious malfunctions in the electoral process as a result of trying to create special arrangements for short notice it would not be in the national interest.

The amendment was rejected by 61 votes to 38—Government majority 23.

The committee stage was concluded.

The Farriers (Registration) Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned, 7.13 pm.

Measures to prevent rabies reaching UK

MR MACCORMICK (Ayrshire, Scot) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food what steps he intended to take to prevent the spread of rabies in Europe from spreading to the United Kingdom.

MR STRANG, in a written reply, said: "The current epidemic of rabies in Europe shows how rapidly the disease can spread, in practical terms it can reach this country only through the importation of an animal infected with the disease. Our chief defence against rabies is therefore strict observance of quarantine laws, which have recently been strengthened, and full compliance with the quarantine regulations."

To ensure that people are fully aware of the situation, multi-language posters advising travellers of the quarantine laws and the serious penalties for breaches of them have been distributed at airports, seaports, and other points of entry.

It is also intended that the poster will be displayed on cross-Channel and North Sea ferries and near foreign air points.

MR MACCORMICK also asked the minister what plans he had to

whether in the name of religion or anything else.

How could Lady Summerskill's suggestion be policed? How could they define exorcism? How could they find out when it was taking place in private, and how could you define a mentally disordered person, unless by certificate?

Was it not precisely those who had been mental disorders who were the most acute?

LORD WELLS-PESTELL: The Department of Health and Social Security are undertaking an inquiry into the question of psychotherapy. We would welcome the help of both the Church and the medical profession.

LADY CAITHELL (Lab): Is it not worrying that high dignitaries of the Church not only accept exorcism and possession by the devil as a fact but the Church accept it as therapy?

LORD LAUDERDALE (C): Throughout the ages the Church, or whatever the name, has treated this area with the greatest caution. We are bedevilled by ignorant handling of this delicate subject by the media, which does not seem to understand what it is talking about.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK: There are a few fanatics in every society, the majority of people are not fanatics. This work has been going on in a quiet way under the cooperation with the medical profession.

In most cases, what is called exorcism is a time of quiet and peace, when people who feel themselves, or believe themselves to be, disturbed, are asked to open themselves to a quietness and peace to the spirit of love, kindness and compassion.

That is what exorcism is, and it may be done by a priest, perhaps all of us, and maybe Lady Summerskill herself.

The amendment put forward a fairly remarkable doctrine that they should apply a new test for franchise in this country—the particular country in which a person resided.

It could create far more anomalies than already existed.

LORD BYERS (L) moved an amendment to give a postal vote to certain people.

He said the amendment would give a vote to people who were already on the electoral register and who were away from home on the day of the referendum and would not be able to vote at the polling station in the ordinary way.

It was thought that one million to one and a half million people would be deprived of a vote under the amendment. The amendment was desirable and practicable.

VISCOUNT ST DAVIDS said he loathed the Bill. It was a constitutional bomb that would be exploded and would never happen again. He supported the amendment because he feared that if the vote was too low a proportion of the population might be held again. It was important that the maximum number possible should vote.

LORD HARRIS OF GREENWICH agreed that they were a constitutional bomb, but he was not a person to vote, but there were practical problems. What would be the practical consequences of trying to introduce a referendum? If the result were narrow and it was suggested there had been a widespread breakdown in the administration of the postal vote, would not that create formidable difficulties?

LORD SHINWELL (Lab) said when the disaster came, and there would be a disaster, it would be in the EEC, the so-called integration that was anticipated would fail. In the nature of things it must fail.

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Talks on footwear imports

During questions to the Secretary of State for Trade,

MRS MAUREN COLOUBON (Northampton, North, Lab) said that British footwear workers were increasingly on a three and a half to four-day week and were asking a Government action to import quotas for certain countries? When could a statement be expected?

MR DEAKINS, Under-Secretary (Waltham Forest, Walthamstow, Lab): I cannot tell Mrs Coloumbon exactly when but I can assure her that negotiations have been going

on for some time with the countries concerned, as a consequence of the anti-dumping legislation made a year or two ago.

As a result of our preliminary negotiations with those countries, we have gone back to them trying to get rather more concessions and I am hopeful of the outcome.

As soon as we have reached finality with the countries concerned we shall report to the House. I do not think she will be dissatisfied.

Mrs Castle outlines plans to prevent queue-jumping by private patients

House of Commons

MR NORMAN FOWLER, Opposition spokesman on social services (Sutton Coldfield, C), moved:

That this House believes that the abolition of private beds in National Health Service hospitals would be against the interests of the health service, the patients and the medical profession.

He said that there were almost 5,000 private beds available. That made up around 1 per cent of the total number of beds in hospitals. This was the tiny target which the Secretary of State for Social Services was spending so much time and energy in seeking to destroy.

What made more sense was to enable a number of results which would be welcomed by both sides of the House. It enabled specialists to be treated in a quiet way and which was typified by the NHS.

The fabric of the NHS would rot if the principle of treatment on the basis of medical priority only was removed to achieve a few extra beds. It was a matter of life and death, and which was typified by the NHS.

Mr Fowler had spoken of the importance of the role of the private bed in the total health care of the people of the country. Yet his concern was not for the NHS and the opportunity for abuse was out of proportion to the amount of medical care delivered to the people of the country.

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The Government were acting into the most enormous tangle. The Secretary of State was saying she wanted an extension of facilities for the NHS, but was introducing into existence an alternative service. As Mr Bevan went down as a father of the NHS, Mrs Castle appeared to be going to do the same for the mother of the private health service. It seemed an odd ambition for a Labour politician.

The abolition of private beds was little supported and was opposed by the overwhelming majority of medical opinion. It threatened to increase the number of beds and it threw away resources at a time when the NHS needed every penny it could get. It destroyed a compromise which worked well and it would be opposed by the Opposition at every stage.

MRS BARBARA CASTLE, Secretary of State for Social Services (Blackburn, Lab), said: "The House is being misled by the fact that health care should be available to all, free at the point of use. Access to treatment should be on the basis of medical need, not on the basis of ability to pay. That was the most precious principle of all, one of the hallmarks of a civilized society. It had been the aim of the NHS throughout the world and in the thinking of people in other advanced countries who were not so fortunate."

Mr Fowler had revealed himself as ignorant about the question of access to treatment and amenity beds had nothing to do with queue-jumping. The knowledge that patients could get a private bed to a consultant to go to the top of the queue emitted all sorts of people, not least the NHS staff.

We believe that it is an outrage (she said) that a patient should go into hospital, into a private bed, as a result of crossing a consultant's palm with money and will get the extra facilities there for which the NHS staff would have to work.

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It is a policy designed to end the unjustified queue-jumping within the NHS and to release more facilities and services particularly for the benefit of the NHS.

Separately from this end, and in the light of representations which have been made to me by the medical profession and others, the Government have decided that the programme of queue-jumping should be effected by legislation as soon as parliamentary time is available and I am entering into immediate consultations with all concerned about the details of the programme.

The policy which I announce today will apply to Great Britain as a whole, although pay beds already exist only in Scotland and Wales.

At present, on average only 32 per cent of pay beds in NHS hospitals are occupied by patients. In England, for example, only one out of five pay beds is occupied by a patient. In Scotland, the figure is 61 per cent for all NHS hospitals beds and an even lower percentage in Wales.

From the programme of phasing out the pay beds to reduce the authorities of pay beds in areas where these were under-occupied as was done by her predecessor, Mr Kenneth Robinson in 1967 and she was putting this in hand at once.

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The policy which I announce today will apply to Great Britain as a whole, although pay beds already exist only in Scotland and Wales.

At present, on average only 32 per cent of pay beds in NHS hospitals are occupied by patients. In England, for example, only one out of five pay beds is occupied by a patient. In Scotland, the figure is 61 per cent for all NHS hospitals beds and an even lower percentage in Wales.

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ing what facilities, if any, should continue to be made available to the private sector. They would ensure that essential charges would be made for any services provided, but would not propose to make any charge for blood, other than the cost of services such as cross-matching.

Amenity beds

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The Government had every intention of maintaining this system and of extending it to district general hospitals. A facility had not been well used, partly at least because it had been given so little publicity, and they intended to extend the use of amenity beds.

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The Secretary of State was statutorily responsible in England for the nation's health and for the quality of the care given to patients in NHS hospitals. NHS or the private sector. She already had powers under the National Health Service Act to make regulations as to the conduct of such homes. But these powers were limited and their adequacy was not clear. She would consider whether wholly private sector might take on once the phasing out programme was completed.

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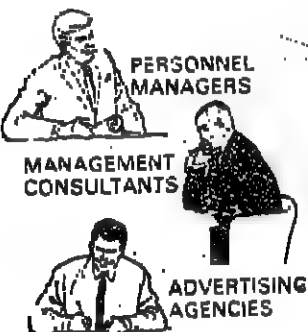
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From Lord Campbell of Eskan
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that went before conference were all contained in motions on the final agenda—copies of which were made available to all members long before the ADM. Six amendments were proposed to the motions, and not one opposed or criticized the closed shop idea.

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Gloom cuts £1,283m off share values

By David Mott
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... and the weak state of sterling
... spurred sellers into early action
... on the London stock market
... yesterday.

In the present volatile state of
... the market the selling, though
... not heavy, was enough to send
... the FT index plunging 15.2
... points by 11 am, a position from
... which it never recovered even
... though heavy closing saw a
... minimal improvement in mid-
... afternoon.

At the close the index was 15.7
... off at 315.0, and according to
... the Data STREAM computer a
... total of £1,283m was wiped off
... equity values, which made for a
... depressing start to the new
... account. But dealers are tend-
... ing to be optimistic given the
... fact that the fluctuations of the
... index because of the small
... amount of business being done.

Among the "blue chips"
... losses of 8p were common with
... Hawker Siddeley, worried by
... nationalisation, particularly
... badly hit. The outstanding firm
... of the day was Sheffield
... Twist Drill, where an agreed bid
... from the Swedish SKF group
... boosted the shares by 24p to 74p,
... compared with an offer price of
... 77p.

Sterling's position, alarm at
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Deputy chief resigns in board split at Jensen

By Clifford Webb
... Another prestige car manu-
... facturer, Jensen Motors of West
... Bromwich, is believed to be in
... serious financial trouble. Mr
... Dick Graves, the British deputy
... managing director and resident
... chief executive, has resigned
... after a reported disagreement
... over rescue tactics with Mr Kjel-
... Qvale, Jensen's American chair-
... man and managing director.

The company is now being
... run by another American, Mr Al
... Goot, a member of Mr Qvale's
... San Francisco staff. It is under-
... stood that attempts have been
... made recently to sell Jensen to
... British and foreign makers.
... Directors have also been trying
... to obtain outside contract work.

Five months ago Mr Qvale
... announced: "The cash flow
... situation at Jensen is about as
... serious as I am prepared to let
... it go." He told his 1,200
... employees that unless they put
... more effort into their work he
... was prepared to close the com-
... pany.

In the boardroom shakeup
... that ensued, Mr Kevin Beattie,
... the managing director, reverted
... to his former post of director
... of engineering and Mr Qvale
... became chairman and managing
... director.

In December, Mr Graves, then
... marketing director, was appointed
... deputy managing director. Be-
... cause Mr Qvale spends long
... periods in the United States
... this meant that Mr Graves was
... effectively chief executive. A
... finance director and a personnel
... director were recruited from
... outside companies.

Despite this injection of new
... blood Jensen's sales have con-
... tinued to fall and production
... has been progressively reduced
... until it is now only 28 cars a
... week compared with 130 a year
... ago. A programme of redundan-
... cies has cut the 1,200-strong
... labour force to 700. Short-time
... working has been in operation
... for the whole of this year.

Yesterday, Mr Graves was
... still at Jensen's headquarters
... but he confirmed that he had
... resigned and would be leaving
... shortly. He declined to comment
... on the reported disagreement
... with his chairman. However, a
... close friend said: "There has
... been a fundamental disagree-
... ment between Dick Graves and
... Mr Qvale about the policies
... adopted during the present
... crisis."

"It will probably come out
... later but I do not think it would
... be in anyone's interests to reveal
... the details at this stage."

Jensen dealers said last night
... that demand for the 7-litre
... £8,717 Interceptor had virtually
... halted since the oil crisis. In-
... terceptor owners are finding it
... almost impossible to obtain a
... part exchange price from the
... trade while it would enable them
... to switch to smaller cars.

The 2-litre Jensen-Hesley
... sports car which costs £3,130 in
... the United Kingdom, has been
... similarly hard hit by the sharp
... recession in the American
... market which accounts for the
... bulk of its sales.

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24,000 idle as disputes plague Leyland plants

By R. W. Shakespeare
... Northern Industrial
... Correspondent
... Leyland plants rose yesterday
... to more than 24,000 as a result
... of disputes among components
... suppliers—in which about 3,000
... other workers are idle. Short-
... time working and internal
... labour troubles in the corpora-
... tion's own plants have exacer-
... bated the situation. Production
... of seven different car ranges
... is at a standstill.

Although a big proportion of
... the Leyland workers are due
... back at work today, a company
... spokesman gave a warning last
... night that component shortages
... are now threatening almost all
... the car assembly operations and
... fresh lay-offs can be expected.

Key element in the present
... production crisis, which is also
... plaguing Ford, Vauxhall and
... Chrysler car assembly opera-
... tions at risk, is a strike by 700
... Coventry engineering factories
... belonging to the Dunlop
... components supplier, which has
... stopped all output of wheel, rim
... and suspension units with the
... lay-off of more than 2,000 other
... Dunlop workers.

As a direct result of this
... shutdown, 7,100 British Leyland
... workers at Birmingham, Cowley,
... Castle Bromwich and Coventry
... have had to be laid off indefi-
... nitely. Production of Mini,
... Allegro, Maxi and Triumph
... TR 6 cars has had to be stopped.

A second dispute at another
... components supplier, Coventry
... Motor Fittings has stopped sup-
... plies of radiators for British
... Leyland's Triumph Stag cars.
... Output of these also came to a
... halt yesterday.

From Peter Hill
... Industrial Correspondent
... Oslo, May 5
... Profits of Cammell Laird
... Shipbuilders, in which the Govern-
... ment is a 50 per cent share-
... holder, suffered a sharp setback
... last year. The Merseyside ship-
... building and engineering group
... recorded a profit of £1.1m, half
... of its 1973 profit of £2.25m.

But, Mr J. Graham Day, the
... company's chief executive,
... stressed that despite the set-
... back, the year in which the
... Laird Group also holds a 50 per
... cent interest, was maintaining a
... strong cash flow position. Cam-
... mell's performance was subject
... of some criticism early this year
... in the annual report of the
... Comptroller and Auditor
... General.

General and the Department of
... Industry was said to be tighten-
... ing up monitoring of Cammell's
... operations.

However, the fact that the
... company recorded a profit at
... all is significant given the loss-
... making situation of other state-
... owned yards such as Harland
... and Wolff and Govan Ship-
... builders.

Mr Day said today that in
... the current year Cammell
... expected to continue "a
... climb". The poor performance
... last year reflected the effects
... of the three-day week and a
... sevenweek strike at the yard
... which brought production to a
... halt.

These two factors reduced the
... company's output by about one-
... third.

£10.4m bid for Sheffield Twist Drill

By Desmond Quigley
... Sheffield Twist Drill and
... Steel's share price jumped 24p
... to 74p yesterday when Aktiebo-
... lagas Svenska Kullagerfabriken
... (SKF) launched a takeover bid.
... The big Swedish ball-bearing
... makers SKF is offering 77.5p
... for each of the 13.5 million
... shares, valuing Sheffield Twist,
... a small tools manufacturer, at
... £10.4m.

SKF does not have a holding
... in Sheffield Twist, whose board
... controls about 6 per cent of the
... equity, and unanimously recom-
... mended acceptance of the bid.
... Institutions hold a stake of just
... over 50 per cent. The Sheffield
... Twist board also recommends
... acceptance.

The offer, which follows
... several months of talks—these
... began long before the death of
... STDS's former chairman Mr
... Alex Dormer in January—is
... conditional on the bid not be-
... ing referred to the Monopolies
... Commission.

Both companies believe a
... merger would lead to "substan-
... tial benefits" with the creation
... of a group "able to compete
... more effectively with large non-
... European manufacturers". Pro-
... duct lines would be rationalised
... allowing both companies to en-
... joy longer production runs.

The two companies currently
... have less than 10 per cent of
... the European market and less
... than 30 per cent of the United
... Kingdom market. STDS said
... yesterday that a merger would
... not result in any redundancies.
... STDS is being advised by
... Lazard Brothers while Hill
... Samuel is acting for SKF.

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Big Korean order for components company

By Clifford Webb

A Midland component company which followed up a newspaper report on the "birth" of a new motor industry in South Korea, has won a big contract in the face of fierce competition from Japan.

Mr Edward Rose, chairman and managing director of Edward Rose (Birmingham) was so impressed by the reported potential of the British-supervised and partially financed Korean project that he flew out for a two-week visit.

He has just returned with a contract to supply machinery and tooling for the production of door frames and roof drip rails for the new Hyundai Pony, which goes into production in December. Initial quantities of parts will be supplied direct from its Midland factories.

Announcing the deal, Mr Rose also revealed that a technical and licensing agreement has been signed, which will involve the commissioning of a new factory at Daegu, 30 miles from the Hyundai motor complex at Ulsan.

He said: "The Korean project is most exciting and its potential enormous. Any undertaking which misses the chance of becoming involved at this early stage will be kicking itself for years to come."

"Our visit initially was to look at the project first-hand, but the potential became so apparent that I decided immediate action was required. We have entered into an agreement which will do much to help our total efforts, since we are facing reduced demand at home."

His company is a subsidiary of the publicly quoted William Bates Holdings group. Mr George Turbott, former managing director of British Leyland is managing director of Hyundai Motors. A team of six senior British motor engineers is assisting.

US Treasury borrowing means a testing time for the markets

From Frank Vogel
United States Economics Correspondent

Washington, May 5.—American money and bond markets face an immensely testing seven-week period which many bankers believe could result in chaotic contradictions developing, or its avoidance at the price of a total breakdown of the markets and much higher interest rates later in the year.

The treasury aims to raise more than \$56,500m (about £24,000m) of new cash by June 30, as well as refinancing a vast amount of maturing debt.

The next three days will see the Treasury offering bonds and notes with a total value of \$5,000m.

Mr Jack Bennett, Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs at the Treasury, stated here last week that borrowing by the Treasury in the second half of 1975 will be an estimated

\$40,000m, after \$36,000m for the first half year.

The second half figure is based on an estimated fiscal 1976 deficit of \$60,000m, which bankers and congressmen consider to be extremely optimistic.

The Treasury may succeed with its financing plans in coming weeks without serious erosion of bond prices, because bankers are successfully managing to persuade private companies to postpone bond offerings of their own.

If the economy revives in the second half, as many bankers expect it will, and if the budget deficit moves close to \$30,000m, as most economists and congressmen privately expect, then the markets will face an immense congestion problem in the autumn.

Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve, stated that the plan is to hold the M expansion rate at between five per cent and seven and a half per cent in the next 12 months.

Many bankers and economists argue that such a level is far too low to ease the almost certain bond market congestion that lies ahead.

The market could get through the next seven weeks without too many difficulties because of the private sector postponements, the structure of treasury financing plans and the temporary situation of banks flush with funds.

Another aid to the markets in recent weeks has been the record scale of net savings inflows to banks. The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, which covers California, Nevada and Arizona, reported today that savings inflows to savings and loan banks reached a record \$843m in March, showing a \$11m rise over the February level.

The increase in March more than offset the record volume of \$803m of net savings outflows seen in the final quarter of 1974.

Chloride Group to build £10m batteries plant

A £10m plant at Over Hulton, near Bolton, is to be built by the Chloride Group for the production of motive power batteries. The development will increase the company's total United Kingdom battery capacity by 50 per cent.

Chloride's decision to expand follows its successful £7m rights issue at the end of last year when the company said the proceeds would be used towards financing expansion of facilities.

£2m Russian contract

York Trailer has completed a deal worth more than £2m to supply 1,150 freight containers to Russia. York claimed yesterday it was the biggest container order placed by the Soviet Union in Britain.

OPEC may switch from \$

Kuwait, May 5.—Shaikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said today that the next ministerial conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in June would consider linking the price of oil with some other yardstick than the American dollar.

Speaking after a ministers' conference here Shaikh Yamani said: "This will be nothing more than a fixing of the oil prices. . . . It should not be taken as a price rise."

He said Saudi Arabia was still adhering to the oil price freeze decided by the summit meeting of Opec in Algiers earlier this year. In long term deals "prices of crude oil should be left flexible to any rise possibility", he said.

Speaking of an enlarged scope for the Arab-American oil company (ARAMCO) organization under government owner-

ship, Shaikh Yamani said "adequate incentive should be given to the American companies to carry out the industrialization of the kingdom and to continue their exploration of new oil fields."

Mr Ezzeddin Mabrouk, the Libyan oil minister, said problems of compensation had been solved with some foreign oil companies whose Libyan operations were being taken over, including British Petroleum.

A statement after the ministerial council meeting of Opec said the council approved the setting up of a new organization, the Arab Petroleum Services Company, based in Libya.

It decided to continue assistance by the Arab oil states to Arab oil importers and contribute a further \$80m (£36m) to the Arab fund for economic and social development, the statement said.

Norwegians likely to aid shipping industry

From Peter Hill
Oslo, May 5

Norway is expected to adopt a more liberal attitude towards the nation's hard-pressed shipping industry in an attempt to mitigate the worst international shipping slump since the Second World War.

At the beginning of this month, about nine million tons deadweight, representing 16 per cent of the Norwegian merchant fleet, was laid up with about 6.7 million tons deadweight being tankers.

Against a background of almost unrelieved gloom with no sign of any early improvement, shipping experts in Oslo fear that a further three million tons deadweight of Norwegian shipping will be laid up by the end of this year as charter arrangements expire.

But yesterday Mr Einar Magnusson, Norway's Minister of Shipping, disclosed that the authorities will make efforts to maintain a strong Norwegian merchant fleet and shipbuilding industry.

He did not elaborate, and leaders of the Norwegian shipping industry criticized his statement as not being likely to ask for any special financial support.

It appears that the government, acknowledging the high cost of flag operation and the disastrous state of the tanker market, is preparing to relax some of the controls on the industry.

Mr Magnusson said that 90 per cent of the country's cargo tonnage was sailing between foreign ports only and Norway was dependent on renewed economic activity in leading countries.

This point was developed by Mr Halvdan Ditlev-Simonsen, junior, the president of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association, who said that the individual countries' resort to nationalism and protectionism, the result will be that international economic relations will deteriorate as everyone tries to safeguard narrow national position.

Speculation on whereabouts of ENI chairman

From John Earle
Rome, May 5

A meeting set for this morning of the five-man executive board of ENI, the State-owned energy corporation, failed to take place. Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Signor Raffaele Girotti, the chairman, officially stated at the weekend to be abroad somewhere.

According to one of his staff, Professor Francesco Forte, the vice-chairman, arrived at the appointed time only to find that none of the other members turned up. On the agenda was the incorporation of two small sailing textile companies into Tesco, ENI's textile subsidiary, of which Professor Forte is chairman.

Last week, Signor Girotti sent Signor Antonio Bisaglia, the minister for state-owned industry, a confidential letter on his role in ENI. His term of office expired last October and he has never been reconfirmed.

Up to this morning the minister had not opened the letter because he has been in North Italy.

The decreasing efficiency not only of ENI but of the whole public sector is emerging as a political issue.

New shipping consortium: M Pierre Fabre, the director general of the Chargeurs Reunis navigation line, the largest private line in France, said that his company was about to set up a new shipping consortium for traffic with the Far East.

It will band together those shipping interests which did not belong to Trio and Scandich, the two existing consortia. The first is a grouping of British, Japanese, and German interests, the second of Scandinavian and Dutch groups.

Celanese to double synthetic tobacco output

The Celanese Corporation, which with ICI is one of the main participants in the development of man-made smoking materials, announced yesterday that it is to more than double production.

A new plant is to be built in Cumberland in the United States, to manufacture Cyrel, the brand name used by Celanese for its substitute tobacco product. This will bring capacity to about 20 million pounds annually, more than twice the nine million planned.

Celanese has linked with Carreras Rothmans and Gallaher for a jointly financed £2.5m development programme. Both companies are preparing a series of consumer acceptability tests for the United Kingdom market, with Carreras expecting to start sampling smokers during the next few weeks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Causes of UK financial woe Workers No to Benn

From Mr John B. Hyde
Sir, Norwithstanding the Ryder Report the story is as follows:

1 Since the last war "full employment" and "social security" have been immutable policies of both political parties. Improving social security has lessened (but not eliminated) the miseries of unemployment, but no account has been taken of this in implementing public policy.

2 The provision of social security has been costly and led to high corporate and personal taxation.

3 High company tax has led to low company earnings or profits.

4 High personal tax has reduced incentives and probably adversely affected the quality of management.

5 Exceptionally high tax on investment income has led to the deployment of personal wealth in comparatively non-productive (ie non-income producing) ways. (En passant, we seem to have made it quite easy to transfer wealth from one generation to the next while severely limiting the possible ways of creating wealth.) We have tolerated some of the least attractive routes to riches and penalized some of the most constructive.

6 Low company profitability and poor management have led to inadequate "real" investment (of the "bricks and mortar" variety).

7 Inadequate real investment has led to poor wage and salary levels.

8 Low incomes and high tax have led to disappointed expectations of "growth" and living standards.

9 Low incomes, high tax, disappointed expectations, and antiquated equipment, have led to unhappy labour relations and outstandingly bad productivity in industry.

10 Unhappy labour relations have led to poor product quality and distressing delivery date performance.

11 Mediocre products, delivered late, have led to higher imports and lower exports (worse balances of trade and payments).

12 Deteriorating balances of payments have led to devaluations of the pound; to worse inflation; to lower real incomes; to higher wage claims, etc.

13 The entire sequence has led to Mr Benn proposing massive public expenditure on modern labour saving equipment to be operated, it seems, by the same labour force now employed on the existing and quasi-outdated equipment.

There is little to reverse the above but a reversal there must be. It will follow either a liberal or a Marxist form—that is the choice for the country.

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Government action on Leyland

From Mr S. A. Evans
Sir, As an advocate of a mixed economy and also as a member of the London Stock Exchange, I find it deplorable that the shareholders of British Leyland are being paid 10p for their shares in that company, which is essentially a mammoth failure due to bad management and bad labour relations.

It is ironic that it is the Labour Government which persecutes and unjustly charges private investment and the stock market, is prepared to pay in unwarranted premium out of taxpayers' money for the right to take over a company which, in anyone's terms, is at best a "lame duck".

For the stock market to be a perfect market, which must be one of the City's aims, investment must be on the basis that good management and good labour relations are rewarded by a higher dividend return and consequent higher share prices. In this instance, neither factor was in operation.

Building society house surveys

From Mr J. Townsend-Green
Sir, I am afraid Mr Townley (April 18) is guilty of much did thinking, due probably to him being given insufficient information.

A building society survey is a misnomer as in fact it is a valuation, and the fee is agreed, to have regard only to the time involved.

It will be obvious that an experienced and keen-eyed surveyor or valuer can do his job in a shorter time than perhaps the layman might expect.

J. E. J. TOWNSEND-GREEN, 171, Fleet Street, London.

The company has proved totally unprofitable, and shareholders who have taken an investment risk by buying the shares, are bailed out by the Government from taxation funds of the majority of the population who have taken no such investment risk.

Again, the Labour Government is pursuing its usual interventionist role in private industry, handing out the taxpayers' money in a most irresponsible manner to the Government.

Surely, in view of the current necessary cut backs, albeit small, in public expenditure, this was not a time to subsidize investors for badly judged investment decisions. Equally, with entrepreneurial morale at a current low ebb, surely in the longer term it is far better to give material benefit to successful investment risks rather than hard luck recompense for disasters.

S. A. EVANS
11 Lichfield Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

limited to the difference in value caused by building, modes and report upon structural difficulties; a probable responsibility of up to £5,000.

Surveyors' fees are based upon their responsibilities and are unlikely, unless specifically agreed, to have regard only to the time involved.

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From Mr T. F. Miller
Sir, Mr Benn's claim that Bristol Channel Ship Repairs has spent £250,000 on advertising space is an exaggeration. The total to date is around a mere third of that.

Lord Beswick also has been less than fair in his complaint about being "quoted out of context" by the company's copywriters. The facts are that at a meeting on March 11, a BCSR shop steward asked Lord Beswick a number of pertinent questions, which were not answered.

The company wrote to him on March 17 pointing out its dissatisfaction with the meeting and reminding him of some of the things he had said and had not said. The letter requested a further meeting with Lord Beswick and Mr Benn to obtain "specific and practical answers" to the questions raised.

BCSR were then informed that no useful purpose would be served by such a meeting. The company thought this quite unsatisfactory, and confirmed the agreement of its workers by passing the letter on March 17 around the yards.

Well over three-quarters of BCSR's employees put their signatures to the request for a meeting.

Eventually, in exasperation, the company published the letter and stated supporting it signed by the workers in The Times of April 9. Our view as the "company copywriters" was that publishing the whole of the letter was the only correct thing to do, even though it made for a somewhat wordy advertisement.

We felt that Mr Benn must make some response when he knew, and it was seen that he knew, that the company's request had the support of a large majority of its employees.

We were wrong. Although the request was repeated in The Guardian of April 23 and Sunday Express of April 27, his only response has been to complain about the "use of economic power for political purposes".

BCSR want proper consultation. They want the views of their employees taken into account. They feel it is reasonable to expect Mr Benn, who said in 1973 that it was wrong that "workers have no legal rights to be consulted when the firms in which they work are taken over", to be consistent and give proper consultation, even to the point of a referendum in BCSR's docks.

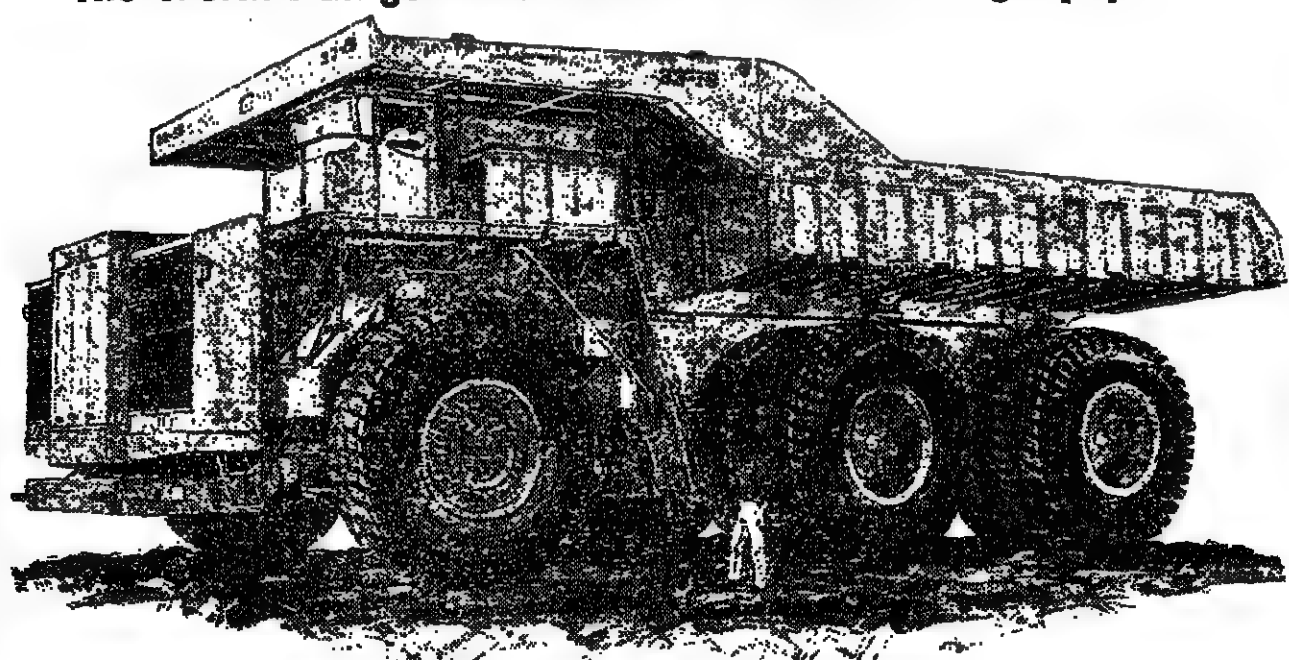
If every private request for such consultation goes unheeded, what alternative has BCSR but to make its case in public? Advertising space is expensive, but Mr Benn should realize that small companies have nothing like his access to the press, television and radio.

BCSR feel they are fighting against an injustice that could lead to the destruction of their business and their jobs. We are proud to be associated with their fight.

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FUTURE OUTLOOK

Profitable Growth

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Phosphates: how the salts of the earth came to change the face of the earth.

On May 27th, to mark the International Superphosphates and Compound Manufacturers' Association Conference in San Francisco, The Times is planning to publish a Special Report on Phosphates.

With current estimates of the 1974 world production of phosphate at 109,000,000 tonnes, an increase of 12%, the Report will trace the development of phosphate production throughout the world. New trends of production will be looked into, fresh sources of phosphate examined and the implications of present pricing policies will be discussed and evaluated.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A market that has lost momentum

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PZ's offer will take its stake in the A to over 50 per cent, but much good will be done by the ordinary shareholders - come over too.

Tozer Kemsley Scope for recovery

This year Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn reckons to redeem its reputation. It will take some doing, after a 1974 profits decline whose magnitude took the board itself by surprise. But the grounds for recovery, it is not advanced, are certainly there.

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Dangers in the move to speed up tax payments

Oliver Stanley discusses implications of some of the measures promised in the Budget speech

In his Budget speech Mr. Healey promised new measures to "encourage" companies to pay tax. Contrived delays had, he said, become a method of effectively opting out of the tax system for years at a stretch.

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"on account" orders, being for amounts of tax not in dispute. For example, one item in a trading profit computation may be the subject of an argument with the inspector, but, in the meantime, you pay on all the rest.

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How the two-party system is thwarting progress in industrial relations

Eric Wigham

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Business Diary: Jensen collision • Rough for cider

Dick Graves has spent managing his sidekick chief, calling Jensen Brown, will surprise to motor. Indeed, soon after from March last, December, Graves, an chairman and cup, Kiel, Ode, of personalities, unced, that they ship a year at

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and they did. When the men operated a go-slow, Ovale threatened to shut the place. The unions backed down so we shall never know if he was bluffing.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS 1974 (year ended 31st December)
Total Group Profit before loan stock interest, taxation and minority interests is £3,510,000, compared with £4,89m in 1973. In addition, there are extraordinary profits of £976,000.
Earnings - net profit attributable to shareholders is £1,316,000 on which earnings per share are 4.7p. After deduction of extraordinary profits, the earnings per share are 3.4p.
A final dividend of 1.472p per share - the maximum permitted - is recommended, making a total of 2.032p for the year. The total dividend is covered 1.7 times.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Prospects for 1975 are encouraging and we expect a very much better year than 1974. International Finance Division and the Price & Pierce Group are again both expected to do well; Financial Services Division will make meaningful profits; and TKM Investments should again become a solid contributor.

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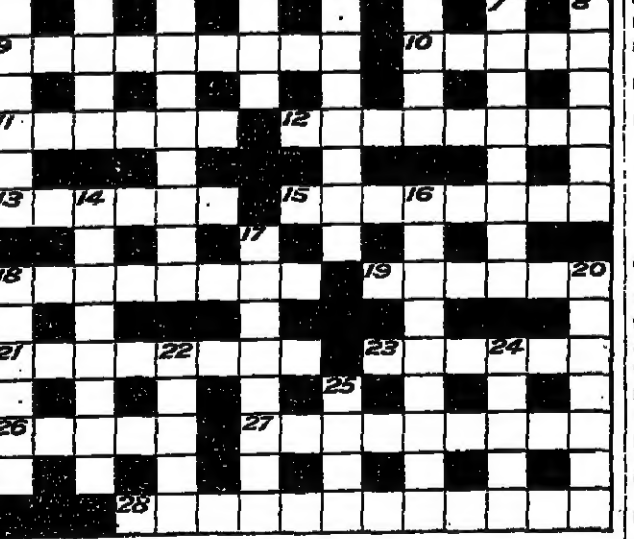
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ACROSS

1 Magic that's notably sharp? (12)
2 Swagman among rips in the local (9)
10 Think these chickens can be counted? (15)
11 He knew a bank where the wild thyme blew (16)
12 Perhaps it grows a prote Parisienne (18)
13 Screw point in connexion with wings (16)
15 Votary gets on and flourishes (18)
19 Getting a suitable answer (15)
21 Fowl for a name (16)
22 Means—oh, half, storm (15)
23 A well-bred maggot? (15)
24 Suppose it's after the offer of a lift (17)
25 Requiring to be called back, would it be a bell (13)
26 Matilda, Munchausen, Tustula and Co (15-7)

DOWN

1 Like getting one's head cut off (Twelveedle) (7)
2 Beat—with stick? (5)
3 A grim road devised for one playing at home (9)
4 Is fine unacceptable in polite society (14)
5 Hunt to get from Patsy to Mortlake (6)

6 Pulpits in which a doctor goes over big (5)
7 Put things right or wrong (18)
8 Two girls going up for byes (15)
9 Fate of poor Chelsea, lost Orient once point (8)
10 Internal renegade, like Cain in regard to Abel (9)
11 Further, and odd companion in curious green? (8)
12 Head stuffed with business, that's Hull (16)
13 Issues to join, in two directions (15)
14 Quicker—right lively (5)
15 Twist the thread (5)
20 Must be wrong, thinks the censor (14)

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